

## OECD BROADBAND STATISTICS

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) issues a 6-monthly online statistical report on broadband access in 30 countries. This report is of interest to researchers and public policy makers world-wide. The most recent report is for the situation to June 2007 and was issued online in early November 2007.

The OECD's online broadband report contains comparisons and rankings of the broadband access situation across all the reporting countries, based on information from each country. The organisation also often undertakes its own research about aspects of broadband access in individual countries. The OECD determines what information from each country is used in its reporting and develops the international comparisons itself, applying its own preferred methodology. The OECD may decide not to report information on particular aspects of broadband from individual countries if the information is not available or if the information is not comprehensive.

The Australian data used for the June 2007 report consists of a mix of information obtained directly by the OECD through its own research and estimates provided to them by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, at the OECD's direct request. The DCITA estimates are based on forward projections of Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data on broadband connections (from the ABS *Internet Activity Survey*). These forward projections are required because at present ABS information is not available in the same reporting timeframe as that required by the OECD. The OECD has indicated where these estimates have been used.

It is anticipated that ABS information will be directly available consistent with the OECD's reporting timeframe for the next OECD online broadband report (to December 2007, expected to be issued April 2008).

The OECD's June 2007 online broadband report is available at [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org) .